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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON 4 SEPT, SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE TAE-ZHEE KIM REPORTED THE FOLLOWING CHAIN OF EVENTS:

A. AUGUST 27 THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM SEOUL STATING THAT UPPER VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO ATTENDED A DINNER SPONSORED BY THE NORTH KOREAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON AUGUST 19, THE DAY OF HIS ARRIVAL IN NORTH KOREA. ZERBO ALLEGEDLY PROMISED IN HIS REMARKS THAT UPPER VOLTA WOULD SUPPORT THE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

B. CHARGE KIM SAW DOMINIQUE SISSOU, FORMIN SECGEN, AND ACTING FORMIN CAPTAINE BAMBARA ON AUSUT 28. THEY BOTH PROMISED TO FULLY INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND PLEDGED UPPER VOLTA'S NEUTRALITY.

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C. KIM SAW PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON AUGUST 29. THE PRESIDENT ALSO PROMISED UPPER VOLTAN NEUTRALITY, AND SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A TELEGRAM REQUESTING A FULL EXPLANATION OF HIS REMARKS TO ZERBO.

D. SECGEN SISSOU CONVOKED KIM ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, AND ADVISED HIM THAT A RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM FORMIN ZERBO. ZERBO DENIED MAKING THE ALLEDGED STATEMENT AND REITERATED THE VOLTAN NEUTRAL POSITION. SISSOU THEN ASSURED KIM THAT "UPPER VOLTA WOULD NEITHER SUPPORT NOR JOIN THE OTHER SIDE IN THE UNFIRENDLY RESOLUTION."

2. KIM STATES THAT SISSOU VOICED SHOCKED DISBELIEF WHEN KIM ADVISED HIM ON SEPTEMBER 3 OF THE VOLTAN CO-SPONSORSHIP. KIM IS SCHEDULED TO SEE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE WHO IS CURRENTLY ACTING AS FOREIGN MINISTER. HE ALSO IS ATTEMPTING TO SEE PRESIDENT LAMIZANA PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR TOGO ON SEPTEMBER 5. GRAHAM

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